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by deleting all language after the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, wireless telephone service is of vital importance to our citizens for their emergency communication needs, yet such service is virtually nonexistent in the Briceville and New River communities of Anderson County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, when accidents and life-threatening incidents have occurred in the vicinity of State Route 116, the lack of wireless telephone coverage has resulted in lives being lost and injuries being aggravated because of the delay in notifying emergency response crews and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the Briceville and New River communities in Anderson County are unable to call for emergency services without the availability of a land line; and

WHEREAS, wireless telephone services are also of the utmost importance in attracting new retail, residential, and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, local government entities can foster the deployment of wireless services by commercial wireless providers by expediting the permitting process involved with the build out of wireless cell towers and removing other barriers associated with such build out; and

WHEREAS, local government entities can provide reasonable access and timely approvals to facilities such as utility poles to assist in the installation of infrastructure necessary for the ubiquitous deployment of wireless services; and

WHEREAS, permitting and encouraging the placement of cellular towers in the Briceville and New River communities in Anderson County would allow for prompt emergency services to

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the citizens who live in these communities, in addition to attracting the new retail, residential, and industrial development that these communities desperately need; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body encourages all wireless telephone providers and local and state governmental entities to work together to propose, encourage, permit, and erect cellular towers in the Briceville and New River communities of Anderson County, as wireless telephone service availability is of vital importance to the public health, safety, and welfare of these citizens and essential to attracting new retail, residential, and industrial development to these underserved communities.